

# A Topological Classification of Time Reversal Symmetric Frustrated Systems and Metamaterials

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## Goal and results

$ \nu $	Dimension $d$						
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$\geq 3$	0	0	0		0		0

AIII

$ \nu $	$d$			
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1	0	0		*
$\geq 2$	0	0		0

AIII/BDI

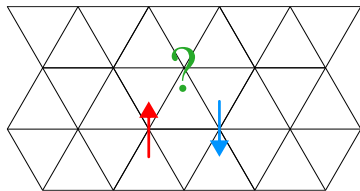
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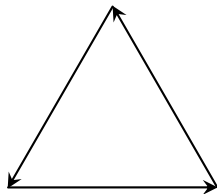
# Introduction

## Motivation

- “Frustration” describes the situation where spins in a spin model cannot find an orientation to minimise the interaction energies with their neighbouring spins simultaneously<sup>1</sup>



(a)



(b)

**Figure:** Antialignment of each spin in Heisenberg antiferromagnet (HAF) with  $nn$  interactions on a triangular lattice (a) is impossible. A cluster of three spins (b) forms a unique structure.

<sup>1</sup>H.T. Diep. *Frustrated Spin Systems*. World Scientific, 2004, p. 2.

- Ground states (GSs) of HAFs are determined by satisfying certain constraints in each cluster, e.g. zero total spin<sup>2</sup>
- Example Hamiltonian ( $J > 0$ )

$$H = J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{s}_j = \frac{J}{2} \sum_{\alpha} |\mathbf{L}_{\alpha}|^2 + c$$

with

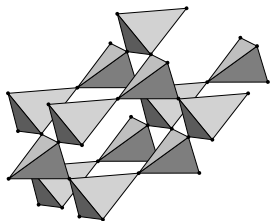
$$\mathbf{L}_{\alpha} := \sum_{i \in \alpha} \mathbf{s}_i$$

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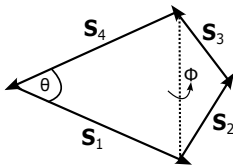
<sup>2</sup>Roderich Moessner and Arthur Ramirez. "Geometrical Frustration". In: *Physics Today* 59 (Feb. 2006).

## Maxwell counting argument

- The hallmark of frustration is a large **accidental** GS degeneracy
- Estimate<sup>3</sup>  $\nu := \#GS \text{ DOFs per unit cell} = N - M$  with  
 $N := \# \text{Total spin DOFs per unit cell}$  and  
 $M := \# \text{Linearly independent GS constraints per unit cell}$



(a)



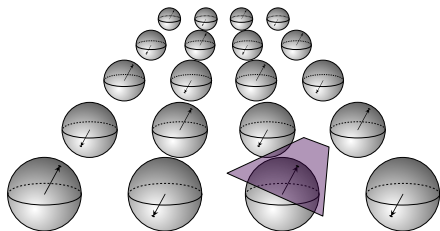
(b)

Figure: GSs of the pyrochlore (a) HAF are characterised by a vanishing total spin (b) in each tetrahedron and parameterised by  $\nu = 2$  DOFs  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ .

<sup>3</sup>R. Moessner and J. T. Chalker. "Properties of a Classical Spin Liquid: The Heisenberg Pyrochlore Antiferromagnet". In: *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **80** (13 Mar. 1998).

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# Linearised degrees of freedom and constraints



- Néel ordered state is one of many GSs of the  $J_1 - J_2$  HAF on a square lattice<sup>4</sup>
- Expand around chosen GS  $\rightarrow$  linearised DOFs come from plane (purple) perpendicular to fixed spin axis (black dot), i.e. tangent space to sphere (grey)  $S^2$

<sup>4</sup>Krishanu Roychowdhury and Michael J. Lawler. "Classification of magnetic frustration and metamaterials from topology". In: *Phys. Rev. B* 98 (9 Sept. 2018). [arXiv:1808.07312](#)

# Classification outline

- Classify topology of zero modes in frustrated systems as function of GS degeneracy homotopically<sup>5</sup>
- Origin of frustration: accidental degeneracy of zero modes  
→ topological invariants
- Methods similar to derivation of Bott-Kitaev table
- E.g. flattening of singular values instead of spectral flattening of Hamiltonians

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<sup>5</sup>Roychowdhury and Lawler, "Classification of magnetic frustration and metamaterials from topology".



# Physical framework

# The spaces of linearised DOFs and constraints

- $\mathbb{Z}^d$  = Underlying lattice, and associate to each lattice position a  $\mathbb{C}^N$  = Unit cell of linearised DOFs of a spin wave in a frustrated system
- Linearised degrees of freedom live in

$$\mathcal{H}_d^N := \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^d, \mathbb{C}^N)$$

$$= \left\{ \varphi: \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^N \mid \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |\varphi_i(\mathbf{x})|^2 < \infty \right\}$$

- Models large GS degeneracy
- The GS constraints live in  $\mathcal{H}_d^M$

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- **Rigidity operator**

$$R: \mathcal{D}(R) \subseteq \mathcal{H}_d^N \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_d^M$$

Linearised DOFs  $\rightarrow$  Constraints,

- Corresponding linearised Hamiltonian  $H = R^\dagger R$  governing spin waves dynamics
- $\ker H = \ker R$  contains the zero modes
- Topological classification of translation invariant rigidity operators  $\rightarrow$  explore new varieties of frustration in which zero modes are demanded from topology<sup>6</sup>
- Classify the topology of zero modes in frustrated systems

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<sup>6</sup>Roychowdhury and Lawler, "Classification of magnetic frustration and metamaterials from topology".

# Rigidity matrices

- Fourier transform  $F: \mathcal{H}_d^N \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_d^N := L^2(T^d, \mathbb{C}^N)$  turns  $R$  into multiplication operator  $FRF^\dagger$
- Multiplication by the continuous based **rigidity matrix map**  $r: T^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{M \times N}$  on the Brillouin zone  $T^d = \mathbb{R}^d / 2\pi\mathbb{Z}^d$
- $\text{rank } r \equiv \min(N, M)$  implements the linear independence assumption of GS constraints
- Gap condition: number of nonzero singular values is rank of the matrix and the only way a zero mode can be introduced and a gap closed is to reduce this rank
- **Maxwell counting indices** in terms of rigidity matrices,  $\nu = \text{nullity } r - \text{nullity } r^T$  (rank-nullity theorem)

## Imposing time reversal symmetry (TRS)

- For time reversal symmetric frustrated systems we have  $RT_1 = T_2R$  with  $T_i^2 = \pm \text{Id}$  (both real or quaternionic structures)
- Its rigidity matrix map becomes  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant, i.e.

Label	TRS	$\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariance condition on $r$
<i>AIII</i>	no	trivial $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariance
<i>AIII/BDI</i>	yes, $T_i^2 = +\text{Id}$	$r(-\mathbf{k}) = \overline{r(\mathbf{k})}$
<i>AIII/CII</i>	yes, $T_i^2 = -\text{Id}$	$r(-\mathbf{k}) = (I_{M/2} \otimes \sigma_2) \overline{r(\mathbf{k})} (I_{N/2} \otimes \sigma_2)$

## Example: Triangular lattice HAF

- Triangular lattice  $\Lambda := \mathbf{a}_1\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbf{a}_2\mathbb{Z}$  with  $\mathbf{a}_1 = (1, 0)$ ,  
 $\mathbf{a}_2 = (1/2, \sqrt{3}/2)$
- The Hamiltonian ( $J > 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned} H &= J \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \Lambda} (S_{\mathbf{x}} S_{\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{a}_1} + S_{\mathbf{x}} S_{\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{a}_2} + S_{\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{a}_1} S_{\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{a}_2}) \\ &= \frac{J}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \Lambda} (S_{\mathbf{x}} + S_{\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{a}_1} + S_{\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{a}_2})^2 + \text{const.} \end{aligned}$$

- GSs are defined by  $L_{\mathbf{x}} = S_{\mathbf{x}} + S_{\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{a}_1} + S_{\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{a}_2} = 0$  for all  
 $\mathbf{x} \in \Lambda$

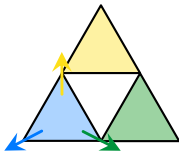
## Example: Triangular lattice HAF

- Linearize the spins around spin axis in ground state with  $(q, p) \mapsto (\cos(q)\sqrt{1-p^2}, \sin(q)\sqrt{1-p^2}, p)$

- Rigidity matrix in position space is defined by  $L_x = R \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix}$

- Momentum space representation is  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant

$$r(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (e^{ik_y} - e^{ik_x}) & 0 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2} (e^{ik_x} + e^{ik_y}) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + e^{ik_x} + e^{ik_y} \end{pmatrix}$$



- Symmetry class AIII/BDI and  $\nu = -1$





# The mapping space of rigidity matrices

- Define action of  $\mathbb{Z}_2 = \{I, g\}$  on mapping space  $C(T^d, [\mathbf{0}]; \mathbb{C}^{M \times N}, r_0)$  by conjugation  $(g, r) \mapsto (\mathbf{k} \mapsto gr(g^{-1}\mathbf{k}))$
- $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -fixed points  $C(T^d, [\mathbf{0}]; \mathbb{C}^{M \times N}, r_0)^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$  are  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant maps
- Subspace  $R_{dM}^N$  in which the *singular value flattened* maps are  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant and based too is the mapping space of rigidity matrices
- Based map condition

$$r(\mathbf{0}) = r_0 := \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} I_M & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \text{for } M \leq N, \\ \begin{pmatrix} I_N \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \text{for } M \geq N, \end{cases}$$

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# Spectral flattening technique and classifying spaces

- Classification by the topological invariants  $R_{dM}^N / \sim$  (modulo  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -homotopy) classifying the topology of zero modes in frustrated systems
- There is a strong deformation retract (homotopy equivalence)

$$\tilde{R}_{dM}^N \cong C(T^d, [\mathbf{0}]; V_n(\mathbb{C}^m), E)^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$$

by linearly interpolating from the matrix of singular values to  $r_0$ , with  $m := \max(M, N)$ ,  $n := \min(M, N)$  and  $E := (e_1 \cdots e_n)$

- **Classifying spaces** are therefore **Stiefel manifolds** (homogeneous spaces)

$$V_n(\mathbb{F}^m) := \left\{ \Lambda \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n} \mid \Lambda^\dagger \Lambda = I_n \right\}$$

for all  $\mathbb{F} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}\}$

# Topological invariants

- **Strong** (in the presence of disorder breaking translational symmetry) and **weak** topological invariants are contained in

$$[(T^d, [\mathbf{0}]), (V_n(\mathbb{C}^m), E)]_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$$

- Replacement of  $T^d$  by  $d$ -sphere  $S^d \simeq I^d / \partial I^d$ , with  $I := [-\pi, \pi]$ , gives the strong invariants<sup>7</sup>

$$[(I^d, \partial I^d), (V_n(\mathbb{C}^m), E)]_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \cong \pi_0 \left( (\Omega^d V_n(\mathbb{C}^m))^{\mathbb{Z}_2} \right)$$

- **$d$ -fold iterated loop space** of a based space  $(X, x_0)$  is

$$\Omega^d X := \{f: I^d \rightarrow X \mid f(\partial I^d) = \{x_0\}\}$$

- In the absence of TRS we obtain as topological invariants

$$[(I^d, \partial I^d), (V_n(\mathbb{C}^m), E)] = \pi_d(V_n(\mathbb{C}^m))$$

<sup>7</sup>Krishanu Roychowdhury et al. "Supersymmetry on the lattice: Geometry, Topology, and Spin Liquids". In: 2022.

# Comparing topological invariants

The time reversal related symmetries of Roychowdhury and Lawler (2018)<sup>8</sup> lead to the topological invariants

$$\left[ (I^d, \partial I^d), (V_n(\mathbb{C}^m)^{\mathbb{Z}_2}, E) \right] \cong \pi_d \left( V_n(\mathbb{C}^m)^{\mathbb{Z}_2} \right),$$

i.e. the higher homotopy groups of

$$V_n(\mathbb{C}^m)^{\mathbb{Z}_2} \cong \begin{cases} V_n(\mathbb{C}^m) & \text{no symmetries,} \\ V_n(\mathbb{R}^m) & \text{for } T_i^2 = +\text{Id,} \\ V_{n/2}(\mathbb{H}^{m/2}) & \text{for } T_i^2 = -\text{Id.} \end{cases}$$

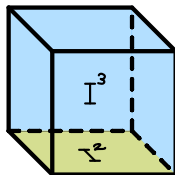
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## The homotopy sequence of a pair

For a based pair of spaces  $(X, A, x_0)$   
the **boundary operator**  $\partial: \pi_d(X, A) \rightarrow$   
 $\pi_{d-1}(A)$  is defined by  $\partial[f] :=$   
 $\left[ f|_{I^{d-1} \times \{-\pi\}} \right]$  (a homomorphism for  
 $d \geq 2$ )



Restriction from  $I^3$  onto  
 $I^2 \times \{-\pi\} \cong I^2$

### Theorem 2 (Dieck: Algebraic Topology, p. 123)

The following sequence is exact ( $d \geq 1$ ).

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_d(X) & \xrightarrow{j_*} & \pi_d(X, A) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_{d-1}(A) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_{d-1}(X) & \xrightarrow{j_*} & \pi_{d-2}(X) \\ & & & & \downarrow i_* & & & & & & \\ & & & & \cdots & & & & & & \\ & & & & \xrightarrow{j_*} & \pi_1(X, A) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_0(A) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_0(X) & \end{array}$$

Here,  $i_*$  and  $j_*$  are the induced canonical inclusions.

An Algorithm  $(X = V_n(\mathbb{C}^m), \Omega_{(\mathbb{Z}_2)}^d \equiv (\Omega^d X)^{(\mathbb{Z}_2)})$

$$[(I^d, \partial I^d), (X, E)]_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$$

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$\parallel^2$

$$\pi_1(\Omega^{d-1}, \Omega_{\mathbb{Z}_2}^{d-1})$$



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 & & \pi_d(X) & & & & \pi_{d-1}(X)
 \end{array}$$

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# In the absence of TRS ( $|\nu| = m - n$ ) AIII

Displayed are  $\pi_d (V_{m-|\nu|}(\mathbb{C}^m))^9$

$ \nu $	Dimension $d$						
	1	2	3	4		5	
			$m \geq 2$	$m = 2$	$m \geq 3$	$m = 2$	$m \geq 3$
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	0	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}$
1	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	0	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}$
2	0	0	0		0		$\mathbb{Z}$
$\geq 3$	0	0	0		0		0

- The case  $\pi_d(U(1)) = \pi_d(S^1) = 0$  for all  $d \geq 2$  is not explicitly contained in this table from  $d \geq 3$

<sup>9</sup>Maurice E. Gilmore. "Complex Stiefel Manifolds, some homotopy groups and vector fields". In: *Bulletin of the American Mathematical Society* 73.5 (1967); Mamoru Mimura and Hiroshi Toda. "Homotopy groups of symplectic groups". In: *Journal of Mathematics of Kyoto University* 3.2 (1963); A. Hatcher. *Algebraic Topology*. Algebraic Topology. Cambridge University Press, 2002, p. 339.



# In the presence of TRS

Displayed are  $[(I^d, \partial I^d), (V_{m-|\nu|}(\mathbb{C}^m), E)]_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$

$ \nu $	$d$			
	1	2	3	
			$m = 1$	$m \geq 2$
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	*
1	0	0		*
$\geq 2$	0	0		0

AIII/BDI

$ \nu $	$d$		
	1	2	3
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	*
$\geq 2$	0	0	0

AIII/CII

- \* = yet to be evaluated strong topological invariants which indicate emergence of unstable regime
- There is trivial regime  $[(I^d, \partial I^d), (V_{m-|\nu|}(\mathbb{C}^m), E)]_{\mathbb{Z}_2} = 0$  for  $|\nu| \geq \lceil d/2 \rceil$  and the unstable regime for  $|\nu| < \lceil d/2 \rceil$
- In AIII/BDI we always have  $[(I^d, \partial I^d), (S^1, 1)]_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \cong \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $d \geq 1$

## Example: The $J_1 - J_2$ HAF on a square lattice

- Class AIII/BDI
- We have the integers  $d = 2$  and  $N = 2$
- In Néel state:  $M = 6$ , at critical point (highly frustrated):  
 $M = 2$ , in frustrated state:  $M = 4$ <sup>10</sup>
- Classifying spaces are  $V_2(\mathbb{C}^6)$ ,  $U(2)$  and  $V_2(\mathbb{C}^4)$ ,  
respectively
- $0, \mathbb{Z}$  and  $0$ , respectively

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<sup>10</sup>Roychowdhury and Lawler, "Classification of magnetic frustration and metamaterials from topology".

# Summary & Outlook

- Homotopical classification of zero modes in frustrated systems in presence or absence of canonical TRS
- Describe all zero modes in the framework of rigidity operators  $R$  ( $\ker R = \text{Space of zero modes}$ )
- $\exists$  *Nonisostatic* systems ( $\nu \neq 0$ ) with nontrivial topological invariants; beyond original Kane and Lubensky<sup>11</sup> *isostatic* class  $\nu = 0$
- Novel topological invariants in presence of canonical TRS compared to Roychowdhury and Lawler (2018)
- Further symmetry classes, e.g. AIII/CI ( $r(-\mathbf{k}) = r(\mathbf{k})^T$ ) and AIII/DIII ( $r(-\mathbf{k}) = -r(\mathbf{k})^T$ )<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>11</sup>C. L. Kane and T. C. Lubensky. "Topological boundary modes in isostatic lattices". In: *Nature Physics* 10.1 (Dec. 2013).

<sup>12</sup>Roychowdhury et al., "Supersymmetry on the lattice: Geometry, Topology, and Spin Liquids".

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